

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, Applicants cancel claim 7, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and amend claim 1 to more appropriately define the present invention. Claims 1-6, 8-18, 20, and 22-23 are pending. The pending claims incorporate the Examiner's Amendment included with the April 26, 2004 Notice of Allowability.

An Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1, 4-9, 12-17, and 48-50 in co-pending Application No. 10/202,657 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as obvious over claims 1-3, 7, 12-20, and 22-23 of the instant application. Applicants amend the instant application to obviate that double patenting rejections and not for any reason related to the patentability of these claims over any prior art reference. This Amendment should not be construed as a disclaimer of scope of subject matter to which Applicants are entitled either through the literal scope of the claims or under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

The pending claims 1-6, 8-18, 20, and 22-23 are allowable, and Applicants respectfully request their timely allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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